

SOP 14 - Personal Apparel

- A. The following articles of personal apparel or grooming are not acceptable for laboratory operations:
 - 1. Loose clothing - may easily dip into chemicals, catch fire, or become entangled in moving machinery.
 - 2. Unrestrained long hair - may easily dip into chemicals, or catch fire.
 - 3. Skimpy clothing or open footwear - will not protect skin against chemical splashes.
 - 4. Finger rings - should be removed when working with chemicals that may react with the ring metal or when working around machinery with moving parts.
- B. Aprons or other such protective gear should protect personal apparel that is to be worn home when one is working in a laboratory.
- C. Chemical spills on leather clothing or accessories (belts, watch bands, shoes, etc.) can absorb into the leather and then be released to the skin through direct, long-term contact.
- D. Personal clothing that becomes contaminated with chemicals should be removed and cleaned prior to donning again.